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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to take action in response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002. This extension of time is effective to allow timely filing of a response up to and including December 30, 2002.

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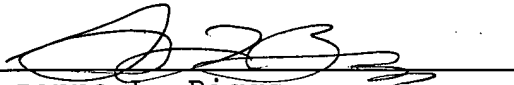
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